

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a method and device for processing blood in extracorporeal circulation. Reference is made to co-pending application U.S. Serial No. [[_____]] 10/805,165 filed on even date herewith and entitled “Device and Method for Processing Blood in Extracorporeal Circulation” which is assigned to the assignee of the present invention and which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

All these devices can be present in the extracorporeal circuit as separate components or can be integrated in various combinations such as disclosed in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/920,999 filed August 2, 2001 (U.S. Published ~~Application~~ Application No. 2002/0049401) which is assigned to the assignee of the present invention and which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.